

*Welcome to
Mt. Hope Community Church!
Celebrating our life together in Christ*

THE LORD'S DAY — February 10, 2008

*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

Prelude

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Aaron Wheeler, Organist

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Silent Meditation

"... Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'" John 4:13

**Call to Worship (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,6)*

Elder Elizabeth Cutruzzula

L: "For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven:

P: *A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to keep, and a time give away."*

L: The Lenten season is a season for repentance, for turning away from aimlessness and sin;

All: **For returning our lives to God, as joyful disciples of Christ. And now is the time when we will worship the Lord our God and His Son, the Christ!**

**Hymn of Praise*

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"

No. 77

****Invocation***

Elder Cutruzzula

We come before You, Holy God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for Your great love for us. As You came to us in Jesus the Christ to win our love and obedience, reveal Yourself among us still. Give us the courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our crosses, and green valleys where You restore our soul. For we pray in the name of the Christ, the Shepherd whose life was laid down for the sheep. Amen!

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Mrs. Cathy Mowery

Standing beneath the cross of Jesus, as we observe the season of Lent, is a sobering experience, for the cross judges both our world and our individual lives. Today, people are still crucified by the same forces that destroyed Jesus. Today, each of us falls short of the resolve and dedication to God which Jesus exhibited by the way he lived and died. So let us, as men and women who live in a twisted world and who are all too weak in spirit, confess our sin **in silence** before God. . .

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

“For Your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon [our] guilt, for it is great,” but You are “Our Father. . .” (Psalm 25:11)

Mrs. Mowery

Hymn of Mercy

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
(verses 1 and 4)*

No. 316

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 6:37

Pastor Carmen

Children’s Chat

Mrs. Myrna Hiller

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children’s Worship.)

If this is your child’s first time, please accompany him or her.

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Preparation

“Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

No. 409

<i>Hebrew Testament</i>	<u><i>Jeremiah 18:1-11</i></u> (Page 549)	<i>Pastor Carmen</i>
<i>Sermon</i>	<i>"Because God Can Change His Mind"</i>	<i>Pastor Carmen</i>
<i>*Hymn of Invitation</i>	<i>"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"</i> <u><i>(You may be Seated.)</i></u>	<i>See insert</i>
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		<i>Pastor Carmen</i>

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offering Call (Numbers 18:26b,28-29) *Elder Cutruzzula*
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ". . .you. . .shall set apart an offering to the Lord from all the tithes that you receive;. . .and from them you shall give the Lord's offering. Out of all the gifts to you, you shall set apart every offering due to the Lord; the best of all of them is that part to be consecrated." In obedience, let us give to the Lord "the best of all" that we have financially.

<i>Offertory</i>	<i>"O Sacred Head Surrounded"</i> Chancel Choir	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
<i>*Doxology</i>	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	<i>No. 592</i>
<i>*Prayer of Dedication</i>		<i>Mrs. Mowery</i>

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

<i>*Hymn of Departure</i>	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	<i>No. 525</i>
<i>*Taking the Light of Christ into the World</i>		<i>Acolytes</i>
<i>*Charge and Benediction</i>		<i>Pastor Carmen</i>
<i>*Benediction Response</i>	<i>"Go with us, Lord"</i>	<i>No. 535</i>
<i>*Postlude</i>		<i>Aaron Wheeler</i>

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in the world.

Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope! We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Also a cry room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience.

Worship kits are available in the Kids' Korner of the Narthex for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.

The "**Young Children in Worship**" story today is *Feeding the 5000*, led by Colin Newby and assisted by Laurie and Alaina Napolitana.

Greeters: Priscilla Boyd and Dorothy Johns
Liturgists: Elder Elizabeth Cutruzzula and Mrs. Cathy Mowery
Flowers: are given by Barry and Michele Irwin in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Pastor Carmen's office hours are:

Tuesdays between 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays between 12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

If you want to make an appointment with the Pastor, please call the office with the date and time that you want to meet!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2.10.08

Don't forget to attend the **spaghetti luncheon in John Knox Hall today**. This is a fundraiser for the youth.

There will be a reception for our new Minister of Music, Aaron Wheeler, Sunday, February 17, in John Knox Hall.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may have the following options: buy one or two arrangements or two can share the flower arrangements. Please note that February 17 is an open date.

Healthy Heart Night at Logos is this Tuesday, February 12. Melissa Kauffman will talk to the kids about healthy hearts during Family Time at the dinner tables. Our health Ministries Team will be there! Anyone in the congregation is welcome to come at 6:45 p.m. for the half hour time together with our children. Support our children's Logos Program and let them know you care about heart health!

Join us this Wednesday and every Wednesday during Lent, at 6:30 p.m., for dinner and study led by Pastor Carmen. The theme of this year's study is "*Evil and Sin – Is There a Difference?*" This week the covered-dish dinner is hosted by the Deacons. Families should bring a main dish and salad, vegetable, or dessert; singles bring one dish. A donation of \$1.00 is asked to defray the cost of paper products, beverages, etc.

Next Sunday, February 17, immediately following our Worship Celebration, the Mt. Hope Health Ministries Team will again offer regular blood pressure checks. Come to the Multi-Purpose Room and sign in. It is such an easy way to have a monthly wellness check, and our own nurses take the pressures. Please begin next week to monitor your own health and wellness with our help!

Calling all Daddy's Girls. . . The Snow Ball Father/Daughter Dinner Dance, February 23, 2008, is a wonderful time to spend together. Dinner, dancing, conversation, and chocolate are all part of the package. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple, \$10.00 a person,

or \$150.00 per table of 8 and can be purchased after church or by calling the church office. Advance reservations are required. This event is for all ages, because you never outgrow being "Daddy's Girl."

Did you take down your Christmas lights? We're looking for outdoor icicle lights to BORROW for the Snow Ball. If you care to contribute, please mark them with your name and bring them in or call Amy Williams at 412.798.4355.

Be sure to check out the Mission bulletin board next to the Conference Room. The young people at the Mars Home have sent you their thank-you notes. We will be participating in "**One Great Hour of Sharing**" again this year. This is the sixtieth year. The offering supports hunger programs, self-development of people and disaster assistance. Fish are available in the Narthex; see Millie. The campaign will begin officially February 24 and end on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support of the "Joy Offering." We sent over \$300.00 to Presbytery to support the unmet needs of families who have given their lives to mission and to help students at racial ethnic schools and colleges to develop their gifts and find their calling.

A member of the Flower Committee will be in the Narthex after worship to hand out order forms for **flowers for Resurrection Sunday**. Deadline for ordering is February 24, 2008.

Friday, March 7, is 2008 World Day of Prayer. It will be hosted by the Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Plans are being made to hold a Flea Market in late March. Please bring your items to the church, as we have an area set aside for this purpose. If you need to have your items picked up, please call Doris Kuhn at 412.795.2149.

The date of the 2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic is Monday, June 16. Once again we will be playing at Alcoma Golf Club on Saltsburg Road in Penn Hills. Mark your calendar and look forward to more information coming soon. Our goal this year is to have 80 golfers participating in this event to support Mt. Hope and the youth.

The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game will be Thursday, August 14. This is sky-blast night! We have purchased 60 tickets in Section 331 for this event. The ticket cost is

\$9.00/each. A tailgate will be planned; details and cost will be given later. If you are interested, see Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets with payment.

All bulletin information must be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

We are now recording the church service to CD. If you want a copy of the service, please contact the office. The cost is \$1.50.

If you know of any persons who are in the hospital, a nursing home, or shut-in, kindly call the church office and let us know.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.) for the **Men and Women Shelters.**

We continue to collect food for the **Penn Hills Service Association.** They need **hardy meals.** Please bring pasta, cereals, pb&j, and canned meats or fish. Thank you very much, the Mission Team.

In order to keep disturbances at a minimum during the worship service, **if you must leave,** please use the rear door exit.

In your box of envelopes is one marked **Per Capita.** The Per Capita this year is **\$21.44.** If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone paid his/her own and round it off to \$25.00 to help defray the past due amount owed to Presbytery. Thank you.

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER – Don't throw away that old cell phone. There's a box in the Narthex where you may place that old phone. When the box is full, we will send them in for cash that will be used to help the **Youth Programs.**

We are in the process of updating the **church directory** and want to include email addresses. If you **do not** want your email address listed, please call the church office.

HOSPITAL

Hilda Kerr.....Forbes Hospital, 2570 Haymaker Rd., Monroeville 15146
Betty Sundin..recuperating at home from pneumonia, 409 Lavender
Heights Court, Pgh. 15235

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>Today</u>	-	30-Hour Famine & Spaghetti Luncheon in John Knox Hall after worship
<u>Mon., Feb. 11</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....Trustees' Meeting – M-P Room
<u>Tues., Feb. 12</u>	-	5:00 p.m.....Logos – Healthy Heart Night 7:00 p.m.....Youth Leadership Mtg. – Youth Room
<u>Wed., Feb. 13</u>	-	11:00 a.m.....Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room 6:30 p.m.....Ash Wed. Dinner & Service 8:00 p.m.....Narcotics Anonymous - JKH
<u>Thurs., Feb. 14</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir
<u>Sat., Feb. 16</u>	-	2:00 p.m.....Gamblers' Anonymous – JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 17	-	Blood Pressure Check
	-	Youth Group
Monday, February 18	-	6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
Tuesday, February 19	-	5:00 p.m. - Logos
	-	7:00 p.m. - Youth Leadership Meeting
Wednesday, February 20:		
		11:00 a.m. - Stroke Survivor Group
		6:30 p.m. - Lenten Dinner & Study
		8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, February 21		7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Friday, February 22		- Youth – Guys Nite Out
Saturday, February 23		2:00 p.m. - Gamblers Anonymous
Saturday, February 23		6:30 p.m. - Snow Ball Dinner Dance

Session Highlights – Session Meeting
Wednesday, January 23, 2008

To better coordinate the work of the Session, Deacons, and Trustees, a joint board meeting of these three boards will be held quarterly.

Plans are to be developed to have quarterly family dinners as a forum to receive input from members of the congregation and to serve as a way to communicate to the members of the congregation.

A revised Facility Use Agreement has been approved. However, an addendum is to be developed to provide for consideration of a reduction in fees for congregation members sponsoring use of facilities by organizations in which they take part.

Elder committee assignments and chairs are being developed. Members willing to serve on a committee are welcome. Please ask!!!!

The church calendar is being developed.

Lenten Dinner Schedule (all at 6:30 p.m.):

February 6 – soup , bread, and dessert, hosted by Worship & Music - \$3.00*

February 13 – pot luck, hosted by the Deacons - \$1.00

February 20 – barbeques, hosted by Session - \$3.00*

February 27 – pot luck, hosted by the Trustees - \$1.00

March 5 – pasta (all you can eat), hosted by the Youth – \$5.00*

March 12 – pot luck, hosted by Fellowship - \$1.00

*Children under 10 – free will offering

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Items from the Deacons

Communion preparation and cleanup will be handled by the Deacons.

CD ministry is being developed.

Committee assignments were selected.

Items from the Trustees

Acton is being taken on the following major items:

1. overall outside lighting situation, including additional lighting of the parking lot and repair of damage due to the auto accident;
2. downspout problem;
3. bricks falling from the chimney;
4. continuing repair of damages from the auto accident on 12.09.07.